

7 JUN 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of 6 June 1962 with Senator Homer E. Capehart
and His Party

25X1 1. On Friday, -1 June 1962, [] advised that the Director had talked with Senator Homer E. Capehart on 29 May and an appointment had been made for 6 June at 2:30 P.M., for [] to meet with Rabbi Moses I. Feuerstein and his party concerning the situation of the Jewish people in Russia. Confirmation had been promised by Senator Capehart but had not been received. It was agreed that this Office would check Senator Capehart's office on Monday for confirmation.

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2. On Monday, 4 June, after checking with [] to see if any further information had been received concerning the meeting, at which time it was suggested and agreed that the undersigned would offer transportation for Rabbi Feuerstein and his party to the building and return, the undersigned visited the Senator's office. After being requested to see the Senator personally on this matter by his secretary, the Senator offered the judgement that it was very kind of the Agency to offer transportation and if the undersigned was unable to provide for five people, the Senator's car would be available. [] were advised of this meeting upon return to the Headquarters. In discussion it was agreed that the undersigned would also attend the meeting of Wednesday and attempt to assist by the addition of any further information as might be obtained in the ride out to the building regarding the specific interests of the individuals and objectives of the meeting.

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3. Upon arrival at the Senator's office on Wednesday, 6 June 1962, the undersigned was introduced to Rabbi Moses I. Feuerstein, Dr. Rabbi Samson R. Weiss and Mr. Z. William Wolfson, the President, Vice President and Director of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, a voluntary lay organization of Jewish congregations in the United States.

Shortly thereafter, it was learned the Senator himself would be accompanying these gentlemen. Two attempts were made to pass this information by direct phone call and by message through the Senator's secretary that the Senator would also be in attendance.

4. Shortly after leaving the Senate Office Building in the car it was learned that Senator Capehart and the other gentlemen expected to be meeting with Mr. McCone. Apparently the latter three gentlemen had traveled to the city for his meeting and the Senator (a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee) had left the floor of the Senate during voting on amendments to the Foreign Aid bill to be present. The Senator was upset. The other three gentlemen appeared confused by the news that Mr. McCone was not in the city. The Senator was assured that the meeting scheduled with the Executive Director would be in keeping with his expressed desires but that the meeting could be delayed until Mr. McCone's return if he so desired. Some references to Mr. Kirkpatrick's stature and tenure in office as well as the fact that this was the way Mr. McCone had laid the meeting on for them also was made at this point. After asking the opinion of the others in his party the Senator grudgingly agreed that we continue on to the headquarters.

5. Upon arrival, the Senator and his party were met by Mr. Kirkpatrick in the DCI conference room and introduced to Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] Each of these gentlemen acquitted himself with distinction during the course of the meeting, with the coup de grace being administered by [redacted] who in response to a question about his "Russian ancestry" [redacted]

6. Upon departure alone to make a roll call vote at the Capitol, Senator Capehart was very generous in his remarks about the meetings, the ground covered therein and the Executive Director and other personnel in attendance.

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8. On Thursday, 7 June, after discussion with [REDACTED] Mrs. Irma Miller, Personal Secretary to Senator Capehart, was contacted and requested to relay to Mr. Feuerstein a correction of a name provided him at the meeting that of [REDACTED]

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